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FOR CONGRESS

Prof. Buell G. Gallagher of Pacific School of Religion has announced his candidacy for the United States Congress. Petitions have been circulated to qualify him for the primary election on both the Democratic and Republican tickets. His district includes the cities of Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont, and that portion of Oakland lying west of a line running approximately north and south through Lake Merritt. He has resigned from the faculty of the school to take effect not later than August 31. His decision has come about as a result of the urgency of a large number of people in the area, and of his own feeling that he must do his part to put in practice the principles which he has long advocated.

Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor, under whose leadership the new Orinda property was purchased, the building secured, the membership of church and Sunday School more than doubled, and the project has come to self-support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—

April 16—Spring meeting of Federation of Congregational Women, Martinez.

April 20—Central Association, Angels Camp.

April 21—Sacramento Valley Association, Loomis.

April 22—Upper Bay Association, Antioch.

April 23—Redwood Empire Association, Sebastopol.

April 27—Santa Clara Association, Sunnyvale.

April 28—San Joaquin Valley Association, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

April 30-May 2—German Conference, Sanger.

May 4—Bay Association.

June 17-24 — General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.

October 22, 23, 24—State Conference, San Mateo.

Introducing the first unit of the Orinda Community Church's physical plant. This stands on a commanding site, overlooking much of both slopes, reaching from the top of the hills on either side down into the valley. It is an integral part of a community project in which there will be space for athletic events, picnics, musicales, and outdoor dramatics. The facilities for the Church School are inadequate, even at the beginning of occupancy. Orinda must and will go on to build additional units.

MERGER VOTES

In the last issue of The Pacific the vote on the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church of 20 churches was reported. Herewith are the votes of 29 additional churches. Of the 49 churches thus far voting, five have voted in the negative and 44 in the affirmative. The total vote of members thus far is 2380 approving and 499 disapproving.

	Approving	Disapproving
Angels Camp	13	0
Alturas	18	0
Benicia	50	0
Berkeley, Chinese	14	0
Berkeley, North	56	10
Berkeley, South Community	54	2
Campbell	51	1
Dinuba, First German	6	0
Elk Grove, Hoffnungsfeld	27	0
Eureka	42	0
Fresno, Japanese	79	0
Hayward	53	0
Lodi, Ebenezer	131	28
Niles	6	32
Oakland, Japanese	15	0
Pacific Grove	0	25
Pescadero	6	0
Porterville	27	8
Ripon	35	4
Sacramento, Pioneer	194	12
San Carlos	28	2
San Francisco, Bethany Mission Park	17	0
San Jose	96	73
Santa Rosa	14	3
Sebastopol	28	29
Stockton	22	140
Sunnyvale	19	2
Tulare	60	11
Weaverville	18	0

Other churches are asked to complete their votes and report the same on blanks provided for that purpose before the end of April.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT

Fifty-two laymen from the churches of the southern San Joaquin Valley gathered at the First Congregational Church, Fresno, on Sunday, March 7, for a day of inspiration and fellowship. The program began after registration at 10:15 a.m. with fifteen-minute presentations of the "Conference at Work" by Rev. William W. Meyer and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. This session was followed by a laymen's service in the church, conducted by Claude Cowan. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached a challenging sermon on the opportunities before us as a State Conference for vital and unique Christian service in the growing communities of Northern California.

Luncheon was served at the Y.W.-C.A., with Harold Avery presiding for the Laymen's Fellowship. At 1:45 p.m. the delegates divided evenly into two discussion groups, one on "Financing the Church" and the other on "The Effective Layman in the Church." The first group was led by Everett Milnes of Tulare and the second by Harold Avery of Oakland. After an hour on one of these topics, and units changed leaders, and the second hour was devoted to the alternate subject in each group.

The School of Churchmanship closed with a very inspiring service of worship conducted by Rev. Christian Martin, pastor of the Zion Church (German) of Fresno. Reports from ministers and laymen who attended the conference enthusiastically endorse it as an annual event in the years to come.

—S.H.B.

ASSOCIATIONS

The spring meetings of the Associations will be of particular interest this year because of the vote which each will take regarding the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Committees have been at work so that ministers and delegates will have worthwhile programs as well as enjoyable fellowship. The team of speakers will consist of Miss Florence Christine Malcolm, American Board missionary in Africa; Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton, president of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California; Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension for the Conference; and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

Mr. Buckham will tell of the great opportunities facing us in this area and what we are doing and should be doing. Supt. Gill will again present the merger. Mrs. Kientz will conduct the women's hour under the chairmanship of the woman president of each Association. Miss Malcolm will speak during the women's hour and in addition on the program of one of the joint sessions.

Miss Florence Christine Malcolm, visiting speaker for the Spring Association meetings. Originally trained for business, she has been a teacher in Africa for nineteen years. See dates in another column.

In addition to teaching in Chilesso, where she is in charge of the Ida E. Swanson Memorial School, Miss Malcolm has been acting as adviser to seven national Christian pastors, who have under their care 30 branch churches. Miss Malcolm herself is a popular preacher.

The schedule of dates and places of the Association meetings appears in this issue under "Calendar of Events."

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Quarterly Report

Regular apportionment giving for the first quarter of this year shows a $900 loss as compared with the like period of 1947. This may be overcome by one or two churches which evidently did not send in remittances promptly enough. It is a source of rejoicing that the special Lenten appeal for CWVR yielded a $400 increase over the first three months of the previous year.

	Jan. 11 to March 31, 1947	Jan. 11 to March 31, 1948	C.W.V.R. 1948
Adin	$ 11.75	———	———
Alameda	511.29	$301.07	$81.69
Alturas	23.77	72.46	12.50
Angels Camp	50.00	———	———
Antioch	57.14	80.33	20.00
Auburn	42.00	60.00	15.00
Benicia	37.50	50.00	———
Berkeley			
Arlington	21.48	61.94	73.53
First	3009.49	2829.29	3202.47
North	229.75	287.90	138.80
Northbrae	375.60	———	———
South	184.70	144.42	———
Campbell	———	120.00	10.00
Cedarville	33.75	———	———
Cloverdale	16.31	52.67	———
Cotati	25.00	———	———
Crockett	43.53	28.60	———
Etna	6.90	———	27.16
Dinuba	———	.66	———
Eureka	224.78	165.33	169.52
Ferndale	82.70	76.05	256.26
Fresno			
First	365.00	300.00	715.50
Japanese	25.00	25.00	———
Glen Ellen	35.00	50.00	8.00
Guerneville	14.15	———	———
Hayward	———	———	300.00
Kenwood	17.31	14.18	10.00
Lodi			
Ebenezer	———	———	114.00
First	580.98	1432.00	200.00
Loomis	100.00	100.00	2.50
Martinez	160.40	466.64	294.42
Murphys	100.00	100.00	———
Niles	———	50.00	23.65
Oakland, First	1823.63	1320.00	1027.60
Japanese	———	80.00	———
Pilgrim	23.34	36.00	36.00
Plymouth	393.37	527.69	394.55
Orinda	221.80	216.74	180.07
Oroville	374.30	341.10	122.40
Pacific Grove	112.50	100.00	———
Palo Alto	1300.00	500.00	495.25
Paradise	172.00	300.00	19.84
Parlier	10.00	———	———
Penngrove	36.17	14.53	———
Pescadero	20.00	10.00	———
Petaluma	300.00	———	———
Pittsburg	62.77	37.73	55.15
Port Chicago	25.00	32.52	5.40
Porterville	565.80	600.00	400.00
Redwood City	381.93	423.56	227.73
Reedley	15.00	15.00	———
Rio Vista	35.00	50.00	———
Ripon	66.75	41.75	12.50
Sacramento, First	382.50	640.00	1000.00
Sierra Arden	———	———	1.00
Salida	52.00	40.10	———
San Carlos	145.00	200.00	127.50
San Francisco			
Bethany-Mission Park	47.10	53.40	18.25
Calvary	30.00	———	———
First	396.89	189.38	15.37
Ocean View	———	50.00	———
Park Presidio	48.83	120.24	———
Sanger	11.04	———	———
San Jose	315.00	315.00	———
San Leandro	31.36	9.60	———
San Mateo	30.00	250.00	28.00
San Rafael	66.00	10.00	———
Santa Cruz	310.00	10.00	———
Santa Rosa	78.95	78.00	———
Saratoga	205.55	240.85	———
Sebastopol	131.41	108.25	47.47
Sonoma	49.66	———	———
Soquel	88.00	90.55	———
Stockton	407.27	318.95	311.06
Suisun	54.14	50.00	80.00
Sunnyvale	———	37.57	10.00
Tulare	254.58	270.00	———
Weaverville	50.00	50.00	———
Woodside	11.50	11.50	40.00
Reno, Nevada	192.10	257.14	20.00
Miscellaneous	800.90	689.00	32.10
	16,514.42	15,604.69	10,382.24

JASON NOBLE PIERCE

Our beloved Jason! That he was to all who knew him. To others he was Jason Noble Pierce, the distinguished pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, California's mother church. For fifteen years he held that post, until he retired and was made Minister Emeritus the first of last December. Illness struck a second time and he passed to the higher life on March the 16th at the age of 67.

In his profession he followed the footsteps of his father, who was an active pastor until his death only a few years ago. Jason was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a graduate of Amherst College and Yale Divinity School. He was ordained in 1906 and served a number of important churches in the east, including Dorchester, Mass., Oberlin, Ohio, Norfolk, Va., Nashville, Tenn., and Washington, D.C. While at Washington he was known throughout the country as President Coolidge's pastor. Other prominent Federal officials were affiliated with or attended his church, including Chief Justice Stone and Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur. Later Judge Wilbur returned to San Francisco and is still a loyal parishioner of the San Francisco church.

Dr. Pierce was a chaplain in the first World War and has been active in veterans organizations and in civic groups almost without number. He was a loyal minister of our fellowship, having served as moderator of the Conference and a long time member of the Board of Directors. He was always eager to do his part and more in any worthwhile undertaking. Possessed of a magnificent voice, an inspiring presence, and a deep sincerity, he could lift a great congregation into an attitude and spirit of worship. He will be long remembered as a prophet, a friend, and a great soul. His going "leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

His wife, Mrs. Mary Fairchild Pierce; his daughter, Mrs. Russell Blair; his son, Edward F. Pierce; and five grandchildren survive him. Funeral services were held on March 19, Rev. Paul Reagor of Oakland, an old-time friend, officiating. The church expects to hold a public memorial service at a date to be announced later.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Verdette Walters and daughter Marilyn have been located in Berlin, Germany, since the end of January. Chaplain Walters is attached to the 16th Constabulary Squadron. He conducts regular services of worship and is exceedingly busy most of the time in personal counseling. Mrs. Walters was promptly enlisted as a teacher for American children.

Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor of Berkeley First Church, was a leader for the annual Pastors' Conference and Retreat in Southern California the week following Easter. On April 4, he was the preacher at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.

Beginning with this issue, all families of the Loomis church are receiving The Pacific as a gift from the church.

CHARLES E. WARD

A very large number of friends were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Rev. Charles E. Ward on the morning of Good Friday, March 26. He had been ill, suffering from arthritis, but his death was unexpected.

He was born in Pennsylvania in 1887 and educated at Pacific University, Oregon, and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. He held a number of successful pastorates, beginning at Laurel, Montana, then at Marblehead, Toledo, and Ashtabula, Ohio. Returning to Oregon he served churches at Salem and Forest Grove. After several years at Boise, Idaho, he came to Redwood City, where he was pastor for nine years. Recently he has cared for the Woodside Village Church.

Dr. Ward was a loyal churchman. At one time he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference and served as its president. Pacific University honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1931.

He was married to Norma Minkler, who has been his devoted helpmeet in all of his pastorates and who survives him. Three splendid sons blessed their home, Charles of Redwood City, and Wilfred and Donald of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Funeral services were held on March 29 in the Redwood City church, and were attended by large numbers of people of Redwood City and Woodside. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of the Conference staff, who had been an intimate friend for a number of years, officiated. He paid tribute to Dr. Ward as a prophetic preacher, a warmhearted pastor, a valued adviser of brother ministers, and a man admired by men of all walks of life. Interment was in the Alta Mesa Cemetery.

Dr. North's Visit

Dr. Stanley U. North of New York, director of the Department of City Work of the Church Extension Division, has made two visits to our Conference lately. On February 21 he was taken on a tour of visitation of four of our church extension projects by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. The places visited were Sierra-Arden, Oak Park (Sacramento), Modesto, and Orinda. Dr. North took a number of photos of the Oak Park section and the northern area of Modesto. On the day after this tour he gave an inspiring address at the Laymen's School of Churchmanship on the subject, "Congregationalism from Coast to Coast."

Next, a flying trip to Hawaii consumed three weeks of Dr. North's busy schedule, where he had denominational business connected with the sale of church property. He landed again at Mills Field on March 16, gave an address at a dedication tea at the new Arlington House, and spent the evening in conference with Superintendent Gill and Mr. Buckham. On March 17 he accompanied Mr. Buckham on a swing around the north end of the Bay, visiting our projects and opportunities at San Lorenzo, East Oakland, Orinda, Richmond, Vallejo, and Ocean View.

During his stay with us, Dr. North gave his approval of Modesto as a "high potential" project and instructed Mr. Buckham to proceed at once with plans for the purchase of a church site, the funds for which are to be provided by the Church Building Department. He commended the Northern California Conference very highly for its place of leadership in church extension and gave his hearty approval of the centennial campaign for the carrying on of this program.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The minister, Rev. George Aki, and his family have moved into the new parsonage. Mr. Aki is the only Nisei minister in the valley and hence is very closely identified with youth work. He is the adviser for the Young People's Christian Conference of the valley for the summer retreat at Lake Sequoia.

PITTSBURG. The church has given subscriptions to The Pacific to all people who are contributors for the current year. Thirteen new members were received on Thursday of Holy Week. There was a full house at the two identical Easter services. Four churches cooperated in the Good Friday service. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is the pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. On Easter Sunday, five united by letter and one by confession of faith, and four additional persons are soon to join. There were eleven baptisms, one adult and ten children. A new group is to be formed down the Trinity River at Big Bar. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. The sanctuary was twice filled on Easter morning. The junior choir of 38 voices, trained by Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, wife of the pastor, furnished the music at the 9:30 service. Fifteen new members were received and 12 children baptized. The offering for CWVR amounted to $445.

GUERNEVILLE. The budget has been increased substantially and the minister, Mr. Carl T. Gustafson, has had a substantial raise in salary. Attendance has been at a high point. Repairs have been made to the building and 13 members have been received.

SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL. The new Forest Hill Sunday School which was launched on February 29 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley R. Jackson, has been growing. On the first Sunday of April there were a total of 29 in attendance.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Twenty-seven new members were received into fellowship at the Maundy Thursday communion service bringing the total up to 313. Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., and Rev. Buell G. Gallagher are co-pastors.

EUREKA. The three women's organizations have joined into one Women's Fellowship. This fellowship will hold monthly meetings, but there will be circles for more effective work and closer acquaintanceship. Rev. James P. Senter is the pastor.

CLOVERDALE. A Protestant community service was held in the Congregational church on Good Friday. Five new members were received on Palm Sunday. Mr. George W. Lindsay, student at Pacific School of Religion, is pastor.

BENICIA. The men have begun work in enlarging the kitchen, the material being financed by the women. The Sunday School is doing excellent work. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is the pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. It was a mad rush the last few days, but the church was dedicated on March 14. The conservation regulations of the state prevented regular electric service, but temporary h o o k u p through the contractor's line was made so that the furnace would operate and evening meetings could be held. A class of 65 new members was received at the morning service, when Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached. Rev. Herbert Dimock conducted the dedication service and preached the sermon in the afternoon. The large hall was well filled. Following this, hundreds of people inspected the building from lower floor to attic, expressing delight with the beauty and adequacy of the structure. During the first week various clubs and departments held open house, taking advantage of the many community features that are available. Mr. Scott Haymond, layman of the First Church, Berkeley, was the architect. Gifts of 83 chairs, a lovely stage curtain, a 12 burner kitchen gas range, dishes, cooking utensils, stage lighting fixtures, and many other articles have helped greatly with the furnishing of the edifice.

RENO, NEV. The church has purchased a new home for the preacher, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, in order to release the former parsonage as a youth center under the direction of Rev. Terence Stoker. At the Maundy Thursday service the choir sang "St. Cecelia's Mass" by Gounod, which was followed by a candlelight communion and reception for 29 members. The church was filled at the 9:30 Easter service and people were turned away at the 11 o'clock hour.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Seventy-five copies of the Pilgrim Hymnal are in use, the cost being cared for by contributions of individuals. At the Easter service the hall was filled and more than 20 had to stand in the vestibule. Several children were baptized by Rev. William W. Meyer. Four new members were received into the church. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

MARTINEZ. Twenty-four members were received on Palm Sunday. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, has announced a series of sermons on "The Greatest Commandment," the subjects being: "Why Love God?" "How Love God?" "Why Love Your Neighbor?" "How Love Your Neighbor?"

BERKELEY, N O R T H. Working drawings have been completed for the new social hall. Professor Hugh Vernon White outlined the pros and cons of the merger at a special meeting on March 16. The church had a very happy Easter. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is the pastor.

PARADISE. A splendid service on Good Friday night, in which eight new members were received, and two big Easter services brought joy and encouragement to the church and its pastor, Rev. Robert Kennan.

ALAMEDA. At the Holy Thursday service 20 new members were received into the church. Following Easter Rev. Ralph V. Conard spent a few days visiting his mother and daughters at Claremont.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA-ARDEN. The whole community was shocked by a very severe automobile accident in which the pastors of the church suffered injury. Their car was smashed into by another car traveling at an estimated 80 miles per hour. Rev. Joseph Chester is in the hospital with broken ribs and collarbone and punctured lung, but is making satisfactory progress. Rev. Mary Chester and a friend riding with them were bruised and badly shaken up. It was well nigh a tragedy following what would otherwise have been a glorious Easter season. Thirty new members had been received into the church, 60 people had called at the parsonage to receive communion on Holy Thursday, 100 had attended Sunrise Service on the new site, and 150 had crowded the hardware store where the church services were held for the 11 o'clock hour. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached on April 4 and found both pastors and people undismayed by the accident.

LOOMIS. This church has been collecting a fund for an organ for the past two years. Soon after Rev. Hendrik Martynse came as pastor, the matter was taken up in earnest and $2200 was raised in cash in two weeks. This with the previous fund made possible the purchase of a Baldwin organ with chimes. Material has been secured for 25 choir gowns. Several rooms are being redecorated. Sunday morning services are well attended.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Twenty-five adult members have been added, mostly young married people. Twenty children were dedicated in baptism. The newly formed fellowship groups for men and women are growing. The social hall has been renovated by volunteer labor. Sunday School attendance has increased 100 per cent. Preliminary preparations are under way for the new building project. Rev. Joseph H. Bennett is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. L. Marshall, who have served this church for several months, left on the last day of March for a long trip through the south and southeast, expecting to return via Oberlin and the General Council. Five new members were received into the church and several children were baptized. Two identical services were held on Easter. A new constitution has been adopted by the church.

S A N T A C R U Z. Sixty-one new members were received at the 19th annual Holy Thursday candlelight service. Five hundred persons communed. In spite of rain the church, gallery, Sunday School room, and parlor were filled for Easter morning service. Leland Mahood, son of Rev. H. S. Mahood, pastor of the church, was greeted by a congregation of 500 on Palm Sunday.

LODI, FIRST. The church was over-crowded at the Easter morning service. Infants were baptized in the afternoon and a musical festival climaxed the day. Twenty were received into church membership on April 4. Church school teachers cooperated in a six weeks training course directed by Dr. F. A. Lindhorst of the College of Pacific. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

FRESNO, F R E E C R O S S. On Sunday, March 14, services were reopened in the great building which had been moved from its original site. Several months were required in the process. Standing squarely in the path of the re-routing of Highway 99 was the huge temple, 63 feet wide, 130 feet long, with a tower reaching up to 88 feet from the ground, and weighing 1800 tons. The church put the problem up to the Highway Department, which purchased a site 900 feet distant. The building was moved and put down on the new foundation with scarcely a crack in walls and windows. The magazine published by the Highway Department devoted several pages in the January-February issue to a very interesting description of the task. Rev. B. H. Kissler is pastor.

FAIRFAX. Rev. Rudolph Caughey assisted the pastor, Mr. Frank K. McDowell, on Palm Sunday. Two children were baptized. Ten boys and girls from a "communicants class" were received into membership, also ten adults, four by letter, five on confession, and one by reaffirmation. More than 80 partook of the communion. The floor of the sanctuary has been covered with asbestos tile and new drapes have been provided for the windows. The church will celebrate its 25th anniversary in April. An attractive and informative sheaf of reports of the church and its departments was mailed to all constituents.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Three services were held Easter Sunday. At the traditional Easter afternoon communion service 70 people joined, 22 of them by confession, and 30 babies were baptized. Downtown churches shared in the three hour Good Friday service in this church. A class of the 9th grade girls raised $25 by means of a spaghetti dinner to send Bibles to Europe. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SAN JOSE. Rev. Benjamin Gould, former pastor, has carried the pulpit work through the month of March. Beginning with the first Sunday in April, Rev. William W. Meyer, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, and Rev. Harley H. Gill of the Conference staff are taking three Sundays each. Rev. Stephen Peabody has shown great improvement recently, but will probably not undertake active work until middle or late summer.

C E D A R V I L L E AND EAGLEVILLE. Rev. and Mrs. Clifford S. Higby, formerly of Tombstone, Arizona, have received the unanimous and enthusiastic call to Surprise Valley and are at work. They arrived on the field in time to make preparations for Easter services. Mr. Higby was for years manager of a boys' farm school and camp in Wyoming. Mrs. Higby was at one time a missionary in China.

SANTA ROSA. On March 14 Rev. William H. Youngman, a member of this church, baptized his grandson, John Gordon McIntire, son of Mr. Kenneth McIntire and Mrs. Genevieve Youngman M c I n t i r e. The grandfather on the paternal side was also a minister, having s e r v e d a Methodist church in Santa Rosa 40 years ago. Rev. George R. Tolson is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Thirty-eight new members were received at the Maundy Thursday candlelight communion service and two identical services were held Easter Sunday morning. The finance committee, church c a b i n e t, and membership of the church have all unanimously authorized the purchase of the property south of the new church location for $10,500. It has a frontage of 63.08 feet on Van Ness Boulevard and is 280.5 feet deep. There is a six-room bungalow on it which will eventually be moved, thus giving the church room for off-street parking. The original property has 227 feet frontage on Van Ness Boulevard and is 150 feet deep. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

RIPON. At sunrise on Easter the young people conducted the service presenting a pageant "Lamps Unto Our Feet" written and directed by Mrs. Laura Cross, their adviser. The recently organized youth choir furnished music, appearing for the first time in new white robes. More than 115 were present. The sanctuary and the Sunday School room were filled for the 11 o'clock service. Nineteen new members were received. Music was furnished by both choirs. Actual work on moving the recently purchased house to the church lot to serve as a parsonage has begun. Rev. J. Morse Dryer is the pastor.

LODI, E B E N E Z E R. The old church property has been sold and the proceeds will be used for the new church building which is already under construction. A great deal of labor is being done by the members. All Saturday labor is donated; on one day 34 men were at the task. Outside of Saturday, every sixth day of labor is donated. It is expected that every night two hours of work will be put in. Rev. Fred W. Gross is the pastor.

PALO ALTO. Worshippers crowded the sanctuary for the two identical services on Easter Sunday. Eleven members were received on Palm Sunday. Colored slides from the Kodachrome Cooperative are being used in the church school every Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, telling the story. Special contributions amounting to $295 for CWVR were received during Holy Week.

ALTURAS. A new Minshal-Estey organ has been installed and dedicated. On Palm Sunday more than $1000 in cash was given for it and the balance more than pledged. The church also has a new Bell and Howell 16 m.m. sound movie. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

KENWOOD. At the candlelight communion s e r v i c e on Maundy Thursday 10 adults and young people united with the church by confession and baptism. A choir of 15 young people gave an inspiring musical setting to the Easter service. Rev. H. J. Loken is the pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Federation met on Thursday, March 18, at First Church, Oakland. At the morning session the reports of our secretaries showed that their activities and program are well under way.

LITERATURE. Mrs. Sanford Siegrist passed on to us the excellent plan of North Church, Berkeley, for getting new books. They charge 10c for each book borrowed and this goes into the fund for the purchase of other books. The following books were given as suggested reading material: **"Tomorrow is Here"** by Kenneth Latourette and Wm. Hogy. This is a report of the Whitby Conference of the International Missionary Council, an excellent and reassuring account of what Christianity is doing and needs to do and its world mission. **"The Arts of the Church"** by Richard Ritter, a help for the plans of churches which are building. **"My Dear Ego"** by Fritz Kunkl, a book by a psychologist, written for those dealing with high school young people. The problems discussed are written in their language and it is most helpful. **"Doorways to Devotion"** by Gladys C. Murrell, gives worship services suitable for certain ideas and days.

FOREIGN FIELD. Mrs. Charles Stanley reported for Mrs. Chester Marliave on the serious situation in China. She mentioned the letter from Rev. Malcolm White containing the sentence, "Of course, we don't know how long we'll stay." This is indicative of the uncertainty of the work there. We must keep an open mind and be earnest in our prayers.

Mrs. Ernest Evans also reported on the memorial services for Miss Mary Florence Denton, who went to Japan in the 70s and was 89 years old when she died, surrounded by her Japanese friends. There were four different services with especially arranged music and tributes paid by Miss Alice Carey and the president of Doshisha. Half of her ashes were placed in the Buddhist temple, the only foreigner for whom this has been done.

HOME FIELD. Mrs. Harley H. Gill described for us four projects of the American Missionary Association.

Cotton Valley, Tuskegee, Ala. For 65 years this has been an oasis for the sharecropper families. There is a new junior high school and children walk many miles to attend it. Alabama has now increased teachers' salaries, so the A.M.A. can afford to provide an assistant principal for creative arts and industrial training. This will help in the vocational training which is so much needed, along with the recreational and health programs.

Brick Rural Life Schools, North Carolina. Here there is an elementary school, high school, and junior college. In 1934 the state took over regular schools and the A.M.A. was free to use this school in ministering to the needs of the whole family, including training in farming, health clinic, credit union, and education for parenthood.

Pleasant Hill Academy. This was private until last spring; then made public by the opening of bus service. So the A.M.A. can now turn its attention to the adults.

Zalduondo, Puerto Rico. The A.M.A. owns here a service farm, also equipped for summer conferences, with the purpose of "service through all our agencies for the whole family."

CHRISTIAN HOME. Mrs. F. O. Hassler presented a suggestion to grandmothers for their contribution to the family. As a reader of stories to the children, they can pass on the heritage of the generations. This is a job for which mothers have too little time and is of such great importance to the child, now and in the future. We never know how permanent may be the effect of a certain story or idea. "Small Rain" by Jessie Jones was suggested as an example of a book which beautifully carries the heritage of spiritual values, and incidentally would make an excellent baby gift.

SOCIAL ACTION. Miss Mary Coxhead asked us not to be overcome by a feeling of frustration, and suggested individual and positive answers to Communism: the Marshall Plan, C.-W.V.R., exchange students, stop war talk ourselves, act for minorities here, tell people in power what we want. It is the duty and privilege of every one of us to say in these days that there shall be no war.

FRIENDLY SERVICE. From Mrs. Floyd Brown we have a very special request—a tea service for Dillard University. Do you know of anyone who has an extra service, silver plate, chrome, or china? This would enable the Negro women to enjoy "dignity and beauty at their social occasions" as do our own church women.

There is also a request for small sums of "paint" money for Miss Helen Smith of Foochow, China. She wants to make more attractive the girls' rooms damaged by the war. Contributions can be sent to Mr. H. B. Belcher, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass., to be credited to Miss Smith's "paint fund."

From our President, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, we received a report on letters sent to Congressmen urging the support of the ERP. The replies she received were all favorable. She also reminded us of our responsibilities to CWVR. If every single person gave just two dollars the goal would be reached, but of course many of us will have to give more. An interesting story was told of a girl collecting for CWVR in Kansas, who received wheat instead of cash. Ralston Co. prepared it into Ralston Relief cereal in small tightly sealed cartons. The idea caught on so quickly that 284 carloads of 60,000 pounds each were collected and converted into cereal.

How our Church Grows. Rev. Sidney Buckham spoke to us in the afternoon and presented vividly, with the aid of colored charts, the work of Church Extension. He traced the growth of the Congregational churches from the first missionary who came to California from Hawaii in 1848, establishing the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. Our second church was started by Dr. Joseph Benton at Sacramento after he had been sent out by a mining company to be chaplain to the miners. From the establishment of the State Conference in 1861 to 1910 our churches kept pace with population growth. Since then there has been a gradual loss, both with relation to population and to other denominations.

A survey of Bay counties was made in 1945 by H. Paul Douglass. On the basis of this survey it is hoped to strengthen our work where there has been a large population increase or no Congregational church. Allocations for the work are granted by the Comity Commission, and Mr. Buckham described to us a number of the present projects: La Selva Beach, Ladera, San Francisco west of Twin Peaks, Oakland Mountain Blvd. and Redwood Road, Richmond, Vallejo, Oak Park Sacramento, and Modesto. Oak Park, incidentally, is our new Thank Offering project, and Mrs. David Gill reported that a new Women's Association has been formed there. These are all strategic spots for the very important job of increasing our churches and our membership.

Family Week

The foundations of our lives are laid in our homes. We are all aware that we cannot promise either security or peace to our children. We can only help them become tough and strong spiritually in order to face the clash between totalitarianism and the forces of true democracy which Christianity teaches. That strength is gained through wisely guided, loving Christian homes.

Our fellowship has set aside the week of May 2-9 for special training and emphasis in the church and community. The Northern California Committee on Young Adult and Family Life urges that each church make a concerted effort toward its observance. What can we do?

1. Send a special letter to every family enclosing one of the fine pamphlets: "Helping Your Child to Know God" or "Helping Your Child to Form Christian Standards." (Price 75c for 50, $1 for 100. Division of Christian Education, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.)

2. Follow suggestions in Spring Pilgrim Series Manual. (See pages 10-17.)

3. Have copies of the wonderful new magazine available: "The Christian Home." ($1.50 per year, 35c per quarter. Methodist Publishing Co., 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.)

4. Have copies of special family services, "Pages of Power" by Dr. Frank B. Fagerburg (price 10c). Sample copies at Berkeley office: for sale by International Council of Religious Education, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WHEAT AND CLOTHES

Church World Service, the official relief and rehabilitation agency for the Protestant and Orthodox churches, is planning to send in excess of $34,000,000 in material and educational aid to needy Christians in Europe and the Far East. However, this will only be possible if the individual members of our and other communions will increase their giving substantially. A very remarkable effort to achieve this has been made by rural communities in the middle western states, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota, Illinois, and others, recently on the Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train, which gave 210 carloads under the direction of officials of CROP, the Christian Rural Overseas Program of Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief. Among commodities given were 200,000 bushels of wheat along with 85 freight cars bearing a variety of general relief commodities such as canned meats, canned milk, relief cereal, soy bean oil, beans, flour, sugar, etc.

Church World Service is one of the agencies through which our Congregational CWVR channels our giving.

Even with all the efforts made in the United States of America, according to recent statistics, she takes her place as the seventh nation among those who are making efforts to alleviate suffering in wartorn areas around the world. The six nations giving more than America per capita are Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Canada, and New Zealand.

Churches are urged to organize clothing drives in their communities during National Family Week, May 2 to 9, culminating in Mother's Day. With spring cleaning time just around the corner, many a garment that has been laid aside can be utilized and constitutes a material help to Christians elsewhere. These may be sent, as formerly, to the Church World Service warehouse in Richmond.

MINISTERS' WIVES TO MEET

The Congregational ministers' wives will hold a spring luncheon at the home of Mrs. Hugh V. White, 20 Crystal Way, Berkeley, on Wednesday, April 28, at 12:30 o'clock. Reservations should be made with Mrs. White, AS 3-2379, or Mrs. Eugene V. Haynes, LA 6-6771.

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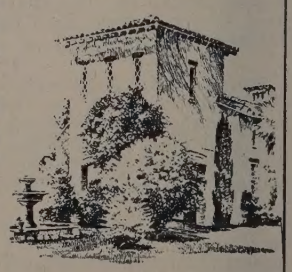

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